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SUBJ: S AND T AGREEMENT: COMPUTER WORKING GROUP VISIT

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1. CONTENTS OF REFTEL SUGGEST THAT RESPONSIBLE SOVIET OFFICIALS MAY NOT BE FULLY COORDINATED WITH EACH OTHER ON S& T COOPERATION. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH SCST CONCERNING COMPUTER WORKING GROUP VISIT. AS BOTH SIDES KNEW, TARGET DATE FOR VISIT HAS BEEN LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY, BUT EXACT TIMING WAS STILL BEING WORKED OUT BY RAMEYEV AND SOVIET SIDE OF WORKING GROUP. DATES WERE TO BE PROVIDED BY SOVIET SIDE, DESPITE PRONSKIY'S STATEMENT (PARA ONE REFTEL) AND THESE WOULD DEPEND UPON HOW VARIOUS VISITS IN PROGRAM AND INSTITUTIONAL AVAILABILITIES COULD BEST BE INTERMESHD . ACCORDING TO AYKAZYAN MAY 31, CORRENT READING IS THAT FIRST WEEK IN JULY WOULD PROBABLY BE EARLEIEST POSSIBLE DATEM. RAMEYEV IS MEETING AGAIN WITH HIS PEOPLE EITHER THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT WEEK TO CONTINUE WORKING ON PROGRA DEVELOPMENT. GROUP WILL CONSIDER JULY 7-8 ARRIVAL DATE (REFTEL) AT THAT TIME.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF POLLACK OR NEUREITER COULD SPEAK PRIVATELY WITH PRONSKIY, WHILE HE IS STILL IN WASHINGTON, ON QUESTION OF PROGRAMS OF VISITS OF US

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WORKING GROUPS TO USSR. SCST REPORTED MAY 28 THAT PROGRAM FOR MICROBIOLOGY GROUP IS STILL NOT AVAILABLE OR EVEN FULLY PREPARED, BUT THAT MOST OF REQUEST FROM US SIDE WILL BE FULFILLED, AND ADDITIONAL VISITS WILL BE INCLUDED. SINCE ARRIVAL OF THIS GROUP IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 9, AYKAZYAN WAS ASKED FOR FRANK ANSWER TO QUESTION WHETHER PROGRAM WOULD, IN FACT, BE AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNICATION TO US SIDE BEFORE ARRIVAL OF USDEL. AYKAZYAN REPLIED "PROBABLY NOT." EMBASSY FEARS THAT THIS MIGHT HAPPEN ALSO IN CASE OF COMPUTER GROUP, AND IT WOULD SEEM UNACCEPTABLE THAT USDEL SHOULD ARRIVE IN USSR FOR THREE-WEEK VISIT WITHOUT KNOWING IN ADVANCE EXACTLY WHAT IS GOING TO BE SEEN AND DISCUSSED. PRONSKIY SHOULD BE FULLY APPRISED OF THE THREAT THAT SUCH LACK OF INFORMATION, OR INFORMATION COMMUNICATED WITH SHORT LEAD TIME, POSES TO COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES. IT SHOULD ALSO BE STRESSED AGAIN THAT US GROUPS EXPECT MEANINGFUL VISIT WITH SCIENTIFIC DEPTH TO THEM. (WE PARTICULARLY REMEMBER JULY, 1972, VISIT OF DR. DAVID'S PARTY TO GLUSHKOV'S INSTITUTE OF CYBERNETICS IN KIEV. FULL FAMILIARIZATION WITH INSTITUTE HAD BEEN IMPLICITLY PROMISED, BUT WHAT ACTUALLY WAS SEEN WAS SIMPLY A SMALL COMPUTER CONSOLE AND ASSOCIATED VIDEO OUTPUT SCREEN ON WHICH, AMONG OTHER TRIVIA, A BUST OF LENIN WAS TRACED AFTER INITIATION OF SPECIAL PROGRAM.)
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